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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 551

By Buck

A RESOLUTION To name State Route 141 in Macon County in honor of the late Fred Clark.

WHEREAS, From time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, No Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Fred Clark of Macon County; and

WHEREAS, Fred Clark served with distinction as a member of the Macon County Commission for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure on the Macon County Commission, Mr. Clark served his colleagues and his fellow citizens as a member of the Budget Committee and Chairman Pro Tempore, and during his final year, he served ably as Chairman of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Even as his health failed, Mr. Clark still played an integral role in public service; he provided inspired leadership as Chairman of the Macon County Commission and as a Pastor at various Missionary Baptist Churches in Macon and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, A firm believer in quality education, excellent roads and ample utilities for all citizens, Mr. Clark stalwartly supported grants for water lines, road improvements and educational initiatives each time these issues arose before the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark had also served his community as a member of the Macon County Planning Commission since its inception in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity who worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Macon County, utilizing his vast knowledge, singular skills and genuine love for young people to help shape the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark served his Lord and Savior and his fellow Christians as the Pastor of Zion Missionary Baptist Church for 22 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was also a member of the Hartsville Masonic Lodge, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Noble of the Al Menah Shrine Temple and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Hartsville; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his endeavors, Mr. Clark unfailingly brought great honor to himself, his family, his fellow citizens, and the Macon County Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Macon County Commission has memorialized this body to name State Route 141 in Macon County to permanently commemorate Fred Clark's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the segment of State Route 141 from the Macon County - Trousdale County boundary northward to such route's intersection with State Route 52 in Macon County,

is hereby designated as the "Fred Clark Memorial Highway" in recognition of an outstanding public servant who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Route 141 as the "Fred Clark Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if Macon County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Macon County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Macon County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Macon County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Macon County Commission.